

House Resolution No. 523

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to improving quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual leadership; and

Whereas, Ernest A. Byrd of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the founder and senior pastor at Full Gospel Spiritual Temple; and

Whereas, on February 17, 2008, Ernest Byrd will be given public honors and accolades through a series of events celebrating the First Anniversary of his establishing Full Gospel Spiritual Temple as the "Headquarters of Praise"; and

Whereas, celebratory events surrounding the First Anniversary of the founding of Full Gospel Spiritual Temple include a Friday service at Willing Workers Christian Redeeming Spiritual Church, a Saturday "Wishing Well Banquet" at Saint Michael's Temple of the Expanded Mind, and a Sunday "High Praise Musical" at Willing Workers Christian Redeeming Spiritual Church; and

Whereas, Ernest Byrd was born into the loving family of Tommie Lee Byrd, Jr., and Patricia Ann Hunter; and

Whereas, Ernest Byrd prepared for his diverse endeavors in life by attending Columbia Elementary School, Blewett Middle School, and Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in the Saint Louis School District and Vista Del Lago High School in Moreno Valley, California, to become the first member of his family to graduate from secondary school; and

Whereas, after his baptism by the Reverend Dr. Ronald C. Bridewell of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Louis, Ernest Byrd continued to develop and maintain an excellent Christian reputation by affiliating with Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Louis under the leadership of the Reverend Lloyd G. Robinson, being re-baptized in 1999 during the church's annual baptism ceremony in the Mississippi River, and accepting the call to ministry in 2000:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Ernest Byrd and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful celebration of the first anniversary of his founding Full Gospel Spiritual Temple as the "Headquarters of Praise"; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Ernest A. Byrd of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Talibdin El-Amin
District No. 57

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 523, adopted February 12, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker